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1. I don't know if you have run across before this apparent plan of [REDACTED] for 25X1A
CIG to get out some sort of all-purpose daily that would serve the needs of all de-
partments. Don't know if [REDACTED] is right in his somewhat unkind remarks on the
real ~~purposes~~ reasons for the proposal, but it sometimes seems as if the Admiral
thought of CIG as a way to get one's work done without paying for it. (e.g. the
SR's) Odd thing is that OGI right now does something like what GNI was proposing---
minus, I believe, the O800 feature.
2. Although this is on the matter of the Pub. Rev. Committee, it brings up point
generally missing in other discussions of same which are concerned, apparently, 25X1A
with the various magazine types being put out by the Agencies. What I think [REDACTED]
is thinking about here is the great raft of projects of all sorts being worked up
all over town for staff purposes. Regarding these, no one had an idea of what
anybody else was doing. As late as 1949, ORE was still trying to solve this prob-
lem because a great deal of futility was being achieved through mutual ignorance.
ORE never got a thing out of it. OIR published a list of projects, but its nature
was such that it was of no help. Air, Army, and Navy just about flatly refused to
let CIA know anything about what ~~it was doing~~ they were doing or planning to do---
using various excuses of course, but pretty thin ones. This in face of the fact
that all Agencies were loudly insisting that they must be kept in touch minute by
minute (which they were) with anything ORE planned to do.
3. ICAPS may have had a good, if somewhat grandiose plan here, but it is typical
that they give no thought as to how it could be done. Even without reference to
the document commented on, one can feel fairly sure that the Agencies represented
did not, after approving the plan, offer all their best experts on the USSR for
the use of CIG ~~XX~~ in "transpositional Analysis."
4. Old ICAPS, ORE's watchdog. Agar would naturally assume that ORE would not have
sense enough to get appropriate sources of intelligence without his help.

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5. Evidently the origin---or one of them---of ~~Bzi~~ the Basic Intelligence Group and the NIS.

6. I noted this only because of reference to External Research. Wonder if you are interested in this. The program was carried on by the old Plans and Policies Staff of ORE and is still going strong under OR&R. It has spent a large amount of government money, possibly with great benefit to central intelligence. I have no particular evidence, though, ~~that~~ that it has ^{not} mainly been beneficial to hard-working thought underfed college professors.

25X1A 7. This memorandum was not in the file I read on the Defense Project, though it is pertinent thereto. It also shows a good deal about early plans for setting up the NIS. ~~██████████~~ makes much better sense than some of his contemporaries who thought that you could always perform the miraculous with dazzling speed if you only created sufficiently elaborate and cumbersome machinery to do it. ~~██████████~~ in other words, knew the practical aspects of writing books when every department concerned is autonomous and there is no real editorial authority. 25X1A

8. I think you have seen this one before, but if not, here was ~~██████████~~ personified. Note the remark in ~~██████████~~ hand under 9. The trouble was that the Lord had 25X1A delivered ~~██████████~~ into their hands, but ~~██████████~~ didn't even know it. Those people were frequently slapped down, but it never seemed to make any impression on them.

25X1A 10. You might want to glance at the first page of this, partly because of what ~~██████████~~ told the attaches about the mission of CIG and partly to note that to an intelligence conference in Latin America, they would send an ICAPS man rather than somebody from ORE who might have profited by ~~it~~ what the attaches had to say and vice versa. 25X1A

11. You have, of course, ~~██████████~~ reply to this. Wondered if you had seen the "URGENT" document ~~██████████~~ to which it was a reply. 25X1A

12. This ~~██████████~~ suggestion grew, I think, into a project for compilation and standardization of intelligence terminology. I have a feeling it was finished and that it turned out to be of very little use to anybody.

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13. Brought this up only because it seems to indicate that [REDACTED] went so far ~~as~~--- perhaps unintentionally---as to falsify the records in order to unload on ORE work that belonged to somebody else.

14. And now Mr. E. would have ORE take over the Washington Document Center. This--- unless I am confusing it with some other ~~collection~~ library---was a huge collection of documents, mostly ~~captured~~ from the Japanese and almost ~~entirely~~ all still to be translated, which were housed in the fireproof security of the second floor of a garage near the Washington Market. This would certainly have been a cute activity to lodge in the lap of ORE. (Incidentally, so far as I know, our main map collection is still housed down here in the Auditorium which is one of the least fireproof buildings in town.)

15. In case you never have run into the NIR on China which everybody talked so much about but never did very much about, this appears to be an early draft of same. There is no ~~xxx~~ indication as to the origin but it looks as if it might have come from State because ~~in~~ it contains an exposition of US policy toward China. State was by no means in the habit, in those days, of letting Intelligence have its policies on anything. If the intention was to send this paper out to the field, I am rather astonished. Even if it was meant only for the eyes of ICAPS or the Director, I am surprised.